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RE: RI/FS Phase IIA Technical Memorandum No. 6, Definition of Operable Units, Naval Air Station Whiting Field

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have reviewed the subject document dated March 1995 (received March 24, 1995) and offer the following comments:

- 1. You may want to consider deleting Figure 1-2. The information on former site numbers is covered in Table 1-3; the present site numbers are shown on Figure 1-3. Table 1-3 could also be modified by switching the old and new locations of the numbers (new column on the left); this seems more appropriate. Also, including the operable unit groupings (as on Figure 2-1, 2-2, etc.) on Figure 1-3 would be useful.
- 2. On the individual Operable Unit figures (such as Figure 2-1), please use a consistent shading for the individual sites. It is easy to confuse buildings with sites and in some cases, sites are not shaded (Figure 2-2).
- 3. On page 2-6, the discussion of possible NFA status for Sites 1 and 2 should be deleted. As I read the paragraph, it seems to have little bearing on the intent of this document.
- 4. In Section 2.2.7, the southern boundary of the unit is described as the Clear Creek flood plain downstream of the new "S" ditch. Figure 2-7 depicts an area approximately 1/4 mile downstream of the "S" ditch; if the intent was to include an area downstream sufficient to evaluate the effects of the "S" ditch, I am in agreement. A statement to this effect in Section 2.2.7 would be appropriate. Additionally, should portions of the Coldwater Creek

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flood plain analogous to the similar portion of Clear Creek be included in Operable Unit 7? It receives direct storm water discharges via a series of interconnecting ditches including one that traverses through Operable Unit 5.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. I look forward to meeting with you on April 26th. If you have questions or require further clarification, please contact me at (904) 488-3935.

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